

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Ken Kunzler,

No. CV07-03555 EMC

Plaintiff,

**CASE MANAGEMENT AND PRETRIAL
ORDER FOR COURT TRIAL**

v.

United Agri Products, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

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Following the Case Management Conference held on **10/17/2007**, IT IS HEREBY
ORDERED THAT:

A further **telephonic** case management conference is set for **01/23/2008 at 2:30 p.m.** before
Magistrate Judge Edward M. Chen in Courtroom C, 15th Floor, U.S. District Court, 450 Golden
Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California. Updated joint case management conference statement is
due **1/16/2008**.

Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 16, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the following case
management and pretrial order is entered:

1. TRIAL DATE

a. Court trial shall begin on **10/27/2008 at 8:30 a.m.** in Courtroom C, 15th Floor, U.S.
District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

1 b. The length of the trial will be not more than **five (5) days**. Court hours for trial are
2 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays are reserved for law and motion and other matters.

3 2. DISCOVERY

4 a. All non-expert discovery shall be completed by **6/9/2008**.

5 b. The parties shall engage in only such discovery as is needed prior to completion of
6 mediation. Each side shall be limited to 4 depositions prior to mediation. No other depositions may
7 be taken prior to mediation and until further order of this Court. Third party discovery and narrowly
8 tailored written discovery is allowed.

9 c. Experts shall be disclosed and reports provided by plaintiff and defendant by
10 **6/9/2008**.

11 d. Rebuttal experts shall be disclosed and reports provided by **6/23/2008**

12 e. All discovery from experts shall be completed by **7/7/2008**.

13 f. Pursuant to Civil L.R. 37-1(b), telephone conferences are available to resolve
14 disputes during a discovery event, such as a deposition, where the resolution during the event likely
15 would result in substantial savings of expense or time.

16 3. MOTIONS

17 The last day for **hearing** dispositive motions shall be **8/6/2008**. Dispositive motions shall be
18 served and filed no later than thirty-five (35) days **prior** to the scheduled hearing date. Any
19 opposition shall be served and filed no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the hearing date.
20 Any reply to the opposition shall be served and filed no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the
21 date of the hearing.

22 4. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION/SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

23 This case was referred to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for mediation. Samuel
24 Barnum was appointed as mediator. Parties are awaiting mediation date.

25 5. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

26 a. A pretrial conference shall be held on **10/15/2008 at 3:00 p.m.** in Courtroom C, 15th
27 Floor. Lead counsel who will try the case (or the party if *pro se*) must attend.

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b. **9/16/2008**, thirty (30) days prior to the date of the pretrial conference, lead counsel shall meet and confer regarding:

- (1) Preparation and content of the joint pretrial conference statement;
- (2) Preparation and exchange of pretrial materials to be served and lodged pursuant to paragraph 5© below; and
- (3) Settlement of the action.

c. **9/26/2008**, twenty (20) days prior to the pretrial conference, counsel and/or parties shall:

- (1) Serve and file a joint pretrial statement that includes the pretrial disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3) as well as the following supplemental information:

(a) *The Action.*

- (I) Substance of the Action. A brief description of the substance of claims and defenses which remain to be decided.
- (ii) Relief Prayed. A detailed statement of all the relief claimed, particularly itemizing all elements of damages claimed as well as witnesses, documents or other evidentiary material to be presented concerning the amount of those damages.

(b) *The Factual Basis of the Action.*

- (I) Undisputed Facts. A plain and concise statement of all relevant facts not reasonably disputable, as well as which facts parties will stipulate for incorporation into the trial record without the necessity of supporting testimony or exhibits.
- (ii) Disputed Factual Issues. A plain and concise statement of all disputed factual issues which remain to be decided.
- (iii) Agreed Statement. A statement assessing whether all or part of the action may be presented upon an agreed statement of facts.

(iv) Stipulations. A statement of stipulations requested or proposed for pretrial or trial purposes.

© *Disputed Legal Issues.*

Without extended legal argument, a concise statement of each disputed point of law concerning liability or relief, citing supporting statutes and decisions, any and procedural or evidentiary issues.

(d) *Trial Preparation.*

(I) Witnesses to Be Called. With regard to witnesses disclosed pursuant to Federal Civil Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3)(A), a brief statement describing the substance of the testimony to be given.

(ii) Estimate of Trial Time. An estimate of the number of hours needed for the presentation of each party's case, indicating possible reductions in time through proposed stipulations, agreed statements of facts, or expedited means of presenting testimony and exhibits.

(iii) Use of Discovery Responses. Designate excerpts from discovery that the parties intend to present at trial, other than solely for impeachment or rebuttal, from depositions specifying the witness page and line references, from interrogatory answers, or from responses to requests for admission.

(e) *Trial Alternatives and Options.*

(I) Settlement Discussion. A statement summarizing the status of settlement negotiations and indicating whether further negotiations are likely to be productive.

(ii) Amendments, Dismissals. A statement of requested or proposed amendments to pleadings or dismissals of parties, claims or defenses.

(iii) Bifurcation, Separate Trial of Issues. A statement of whether bifurcation or a separate trial of specific issues is feasible and desired.

(f) *Miscellaneous.*

Any other subjects relevant to the trial of the action or material to its just, speedy and inexpensive determination.

- (2) Serve and file trial briefs, motions in limine (including any motion regarding the qualifications or testimony of any expert witness) and joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. The findings of fact shall set forth in simple, declarative sentences, separately numbered, all factual contentions relied upon by the party in support of its claims for relief and shall be free of pejorative language and argument. Counsel shall submit separately their disputed findings of fact and conclusions of law. Counsel shall deliver to chambers a copy of their proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law on a computer diskette compatible with Word Processing format.
- (3) Serve and file an exhibit setting forth the qualifications and experience for each expert witness;
- (4) Serve and file a list of each party's exhibits by number (plaintiff) or letter (defendant), including a brief statement describing the substance and purpose of each exhibit and the name of the sponsoring witness;
- (5) Exchange exhibits which shall be premarked (plaintiff shall use numbers; defendant shall use letters) and tabbed; and
- (6) Deliver two sets of all premarked exhibits to chambers (exhibits are not to be filed).

No party shall be permitted to call any witness or offer any exhibit in its case in chief that is not disclosed in its pretrial statement without leave of the Court and for good cause.

d. **10/6/2008**, ten (10) days prior to the pretrial conference, after meeting and conferring in a good faith attempt to resolve and objections, counsel and/or parties shall serve and file: (1) any objections to exhibits or to use of deposition excerpts or other discovery; (2) any objections to witnesses, including the qualifications of an expert; (3) any opposition to a motion in limine.

e. All motions in limine and objections shall be heard at the pretrial conference. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3), objections not disclosed, other than objections under Federal Rules of Evidence 402 and 403, are waived unless excused by the Court for good cause.

6. All documents filed with the Clerk of the Court shall list the civil case number followed only by the initials "EMC." One copy must be clearly marked as a chambers copy. Chambers' copies shall be three-hole punched at the left side, suitable for insertion into standard binders.

Dated: October 26, 2007



EDWARD M. CHEN
United States Magistrate Judge